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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of estimated production of paddy in the current year, State-wise;

(b) the targets for purchase of paddy under Minimum Support Price Scheme (MSPS), State-wise; and

(c) the details of paddy purchased under MSPS so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Sowing activities in the kharif season of 2005 are in full swing in different States. As per the reports discussed in the Meeting of the Crop Weather Watch Group of Ministry of Agriculture, held on 16.08.2005 the area under paddy cultivation at All India level this year is 250.37 lakh hectares as against 254.96 lakh hectares covered in the corresponding period last year. However, as paddy sowing is not yet over, it is not possible to precisely estimate the production of paddy in the current year at this juncture.

(b): Under Minimum Support Price Scheme (MSPS) Government agencies undertake procurement as and when the prevailing market price of a crop drops below the Minimum Support Price. However, it is not possible to give targets set for procurement for the current year at this juncture.

(c): During 2004-05 marketing season (Oct.-Sep.) up to 17.08.2005 at the All India level 17.59 million tonnes of paddy has been procured. During the same period 12.26 million tonnes of lavy rice also has been procured. The State-wise details of paddy procurement is shown in the annexure.

Annexure

Paddy Procurement during 2004-05 marketing season (Oct.-Sep.) as on 17.08.2005 (in tonnes)

Andhra Pradesh	21650
Assam	46
Bihar	72000
Chhattisgarh	2905610
Haryana	1517273
Jharkhand	1715
Karnataka	30748
Madhya Pradesh	54266
Maharashtra	71972
Nagaland	15982
Orissa	396133
Punjab	10049735
Rajasthan	6656
Tamil Nadu	972674
Uttar Pradesh	775830
Uttaranchal	11418
West Bengal	689065
All India	17592773